Today is the Divine Mercy Sunday. In her dairy, Saint Faustina explained why there is a need for Divine Mercy. She wrote:

"They tell me that there is already such a feast and so why should I talk about it?" Jesus answered: "And who knows anything about this feast? No one! Even those who should be proclaiming My mercy and teaching people about it often do not know about it themselves. That is why I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the First Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (Diary 341)

Pope Francis, when asked about the date he selected for the canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II, said it signifies that a new “age of mercy” is needed in the Church and the world. Who better to help promote it than Saint John Paul II, the pope of Divine Mercy?

The Church asks us to observe the Divine Mercy Sunday by ending worship, going to confession and taking Holy Communion.

From Church to daily living.

Do I have the patience to reflect on complex questions so that my actions may be for the good of all?

Am I willing to listen to the teaching of Jesus, especially when my actions are challenged?

Let us pray that our lives will be full of faith, hope and love.

Fr. Hai

End of Novena on Divine Mercy Sunday, 3:15 p.m. English / 8:00 p.m. Spanish

Gabriel Project in desperate need of volunteers to help organize baby storage:

We are so blessed to have generous parishioners donate baby items to our ministry! We could use some help in our air-conditioned baby storage facility. We need volunteers who can pickup donations from the parish office, deliver to storage, sort, organize and assemble layettes for our new Gabriel Project mothers. If you are interested please call Leslie Corrigan at 713-253-2402 or email corrigancrew@reagan.com. Thank you

STM Boy Scout Troop 99 invites all parishioners to a retirement for American flags and religious articles on Saturday April 25, immediately following 5 pm Mass, on the soccer field behind Prinster Hall.

We will accept all old or damaged American flags, and broken or damaged religious articles at that time, and have a brief ceremony to properly and respectfully retire these special items.

The troop will also sell "tapas" plates (small portions) of grilled wild game for a modest fee following the ceremony.

This is a great opportunity to join your fellow parishioners for a unique event!

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00

Weekend Collection (04/05/2015)

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The Actual Collection for Fiscal YTD includes Holy Day Collection amounts.

Additional Collections:

- Holy Land (Good Friday) $3,526.80
- Children (Social Services) $0.00
- Building Fund $822.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Readings for the week of April 12, 2015

**Sunday**
Second Sunday of Easter or
Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday**
Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday**
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday**
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday**
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday**
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday**
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday**
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**This week around STM…..**

**Sunday, April 12**

**K OF C DIVINE MERCY PANCAKE BREAKFAST / RELIGIOUS GOODS**

- 9:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & School
- 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
- 11:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & School
- 2:30 p.m. Spanish Baptisms, Church
- 6:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary

**Monday, April 13**

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, Rectory
- 5:30 p.m. Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F
- 7:00 p.m. Taller y Oración de la Vida, Prinster Hall

**Wednesday, April 15**

- 7:00 p.m. RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter
- 7:30 p.m. Apostleship of the Cross (Sp.), AE-St. Paul
- Danza Tonantzin, Rehkofp

**Thursday, April 16**

- 9:15 a.m. Altar Society, Church
- 5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
- 6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
- 7:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 7:30 p.m. Danza Tonantzin, Rehkofp

**Saturday, April 18**

- 9:00 a.m. Baptism Class (Eng.), AE-St. Peter
- Baptism Class (Sp.), Youth Center (2nd floor)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church
- 6:15 p.m. Confessions, Church

**Sunday, April 19**

- 9:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & School
- 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
- 11:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & School
- 2:30 p.m. Spanish Baptisms, Church
- 6:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary

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**Divine Mercy Sunday Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

**K of C Southwest Council 3910**

**Place:** Servant Hall  
**Date:** April 12, 2015  
**Time:** 8:00—11:00 a.m.  
**Adults $5.00 / Kids $3.00**

60 years of serving the Church and community!
If you don’t have time to read the bulletin but want to know what’s going on, sign up for this service. There are 2 easy ways to register for Flocknote (pick one):

1. Visit our network at flocknote.com/stmhouston
2. Text “Hillcroft” to 84576

Are you looking to grow in your spiritual life? Perhaps the ministry of Spiritual Direction can help!

At St. Thomas More we have two certified spiritual directors available to meet with you one on one. This is a free ministry that provides a fellow Catholic Christian who is trained to walk with you along your journey with God. Meetings consist of sharing life circumstances and prayer experiences in order to find closeness with God and growth in doing His will in our lives.

To learn more you may contact: Magda Garcia (Spanish and English) at 281-793-2510 or Erin Robleto (English) at erobleto5@gmail.com to learn more about the ministry. Brochures are also available at the back of church and in the church offices.
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Meet the STM Saintly Staff

Joleen Walden is the Music Teacher at St. Thomas More School. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Kansas State University. She has been a teacher for 24 years. She and her husband, Rick, have been married for 38 years and have 3 children, Matthew, Melea, and Marcus, all STM alumni. Of her 7 grandchildren, 3 now attend STM. Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, and playing with her grandchildren. Mrs. Walden states “I love teaching at STM because I love the family atmosphere. It’s wonderful getting reacquainted with former students and getting to know their children who now attend STM.”

Spread the Good News! St Thomas More Event Photo is free and open to all STM ministries. Ministry Heads may call Chris Moras at 713.305.4099 to schedule photography for their next parish event.

Loving Embrace Infertility Support Group

Meets 3rd Thursday, each month, 7:30-9pm, monthly meeting rotation: Couples Dinner, Ladies Dinner, and Couples Discussion. Loving Embrace is a Catholic educational support group for couples who have endured or are presently enduring the pain and suffering of infertility. The group provides support for coping with infertility and explores resources, methods, and options that are morally faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. For rotation information contact Shannon Lassen at 832-978-6716 or infertilitysupporthouston@gmail.com.

Infant Adoption Program

Couples wanting to adopt newborn babies, please contact Catholic Charities. Our adoption program is currently looking for couples to apply. Couples must satisfy the program requirements to be considered. Contact Colleen Kitowski at 713.874.6760 or email ckitowski@catholiccharities.org.

The Cardinal’s Circle is a giving circle of people & parishes who understand the important role Inner City Catholic Schools play in forming and educating children from our Archdiocese. The mission of the circle is two-fold: to make it possible for any economically disadvantaged family to send their children to these schools and to ensure the schools maintain a standard of excellence. The Inner City Catholic Schools have been educating children since 1912 and today, more than 2,000 students are enrolled in the 13 schools in our Archdiocese.

Members of this circle invest in the lives of the students in the 13 Inner City Catholic Schools through an annual commitment of $5,000. Each gift is an investment in the future of these students and the Cardinal is most grateful for all support given. St. Thomas More Church and School have been members of The Cardinal’s Circle since its inception, 2010-2011 school year.

For more information please contact the Archdiocesan Development Office at 713.652.4417 or visit us online at www.choosecatholicschools.org.

LEGION OF MARY

- Do you want to enrich your prayer life?
- Do you want to develop close Catholic Friendships?
- Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother?
- Do you want to be part of the NEW EVANGELIZATION

Then come as a guest to a Legion of Mary meeting! There’s no obligation!

WHEN: Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: St Thomas More Adult Education Building – St Paul Room

Wondering whether or not the content of a movie is suitable for your child or teen? Check www.screenit.com for the information you need.

“There are no joys like innocence.”
- Archbishop Fulton Sheen
Hoy es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. En su diario, Santa Faustina explica el porque hay una necesidad por la Divina Misericordia. Ella escribió:

"Me dicen que ya hay tal fiesta, y entonces ¿porque debería hablar de ello?" Jesús le contesto: "Y quien sabe algo sobre esta fiesta? Nadie! Incluso aquellos que deben proclamar mi misericordia y enseñar a la gente acerca de ello a menudo no saben nada. Es por ello que quiero que la imagen sea bendecida solemnemente el primer domingo después de la pascua y quiero que sea venerada públicamente para que cada alma pueda saberlo." (Diario 341)

Papa Francisco, cuando se le pregunto acerca de la fecha que escogió para la canonización de los Papas Juan XXIII y Juan Pablo II, dijo significa que es necesaria una nueva “era de misericordia” para la iglesia y para el mundo. ¿Quién mejor para ayudar a promoverlo que San Juan Pablo II?, El Papa de la Divina Misericordia.

La Iglesia nos pide que observemos el domingo de la Divina Misericordia asistiendo a Misa, confesarse, y recibir la Sagrada comunión.

De la Iglesia a la Vida diaria.
¿Tengo la paciencia para reflexionar en preguntas complejas para que mis acciones sean para el bien de todos?
¿Estoy dispuesto a escuchar las enseñanzas de Jesús, especialmente cuando mis acciones son desafiadas?

Oremos para que nuestras vidas estén llenas de fe, esperanza y amor, Padre Hai
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACION POR LOS ENFERMOS

John Amato, Pedro Apigo, Bobby Baker, Elisa Baker, Cristine Banks, Lontondra Banks, Lisa Bivins, Julia Brown, James Caffrey, Mary Jane Coke, Bernice Condon, Ellen Cooper, Heather Deeton, Karen DeJean, Alice Fahy, Bonifacio Figueroa, Frank Garcia, Gonzales Family, John Gorman, Barbara Graham, David Graham, Leticia Griewe, John Hahn, Marylou Hahn, Ofelia Herrera, Ken Jarzombek, Maurice Korkmas, David Lafferty, Bob Little, Mary & Sabin Marshall, Margaret Martin, John R. Martin, Joyce Mercurio, Carol Montello, Mary Jane Morgan, Margaret Morris, Catherine Mourey, Venita Mrok, Emma Newhouse, Freddie Perez, Joanne Richards, Cherry Ronan, Christopher Saldivar, June Shumake, Al Suhor, Theresa Steen, Brian Steiner, Jan Tennert, Bertha Theriot, Beverly Thomas, Patricia Trejo, John Upton, Rich Vachris, Bertie Vargas, Clair Wise

PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

SFC Paul Bergman, Col. David Eskelund, Megan Godsey, Traci Godsey, SPC Bryant Gradney, Sgt. Billy Janca, SSgt Bradley Louis, Mike McIntosh, Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem, Charles U. Oparnozie, LCDR Russell Thiem, PFC Cristina Teresa Villegas

Austin Bennett Tice is a home schooled, Eagle Scout, National Merit Finalist, graduate of Georgetown University, former Captain in the United States Marine Corps and recipient of the 2012 George Polk Award for War Reporting. He is the eldest of seven children, and was born and raised in Texas. In May of 2012, the summer before his final year at Georgetown Law School, he chose to go to Syria as a Freelance Journalist to report on the conflict there. Two days after his 31st birthday, on August 13, 2012, his editors, family and friends lost contact with Austin, as he was preparing to travel from Daraya, near Damascus, to Beirut, Lebanon.

Please continue to pray for the safe return of Austin to his family.

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